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SUBJECT: IAEA REQUEST FOR U.S. CANDIDATE FOR PROJECT MANAGER
OF UNDP PROJECT IN EGYPT

REF: IAEA VIENNA 3586

1. ERDA HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH NO LUCK IN
RECRUITING APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED EXPERT TO UNDERTAKE
SUBJECT ASSIGNMENT. DIFFICULTY ARISES DUE FACT THAT
NUMBER HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS THIS SPECIALIZED AREA IS
LIMITED, AND WHILE SEVERAL EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST, THEY ARE
UNABLE BE CANDIDATES IN VIEW FACT ASSIGNMENT
IS FOR PERIOD ONE-TWO YEARS.

2. SEVERAL EXPERTS QUESTIONED WHETHER ONE INDIVIDUAL COULD
UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT SATISFACTORILY AND SUGGESTED THAT
SEVERAL EXPERTS WITH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS OR
EXPERIENCE IN SUBJECT AREA MIGHT MORE ADEQUATELY PROVIDE
EXPERTISE DURING SEVERAL ASSIGNMENTS OF THREE-FOUR
MONTHS. IF AGENCY AND EGYPT WERE INTERESTED IN SUCH
AN ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT, ERDA MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT BE MORE
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SUCCESSFUL IN RECRUITING FROM INDUSTRY OR UNIVERSITIES (E.G.,

VIVIAN STANETT AND/OR HIS COLLEAGUES).

3. WHILE U.S. MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE ABLE LOCATE EXPERTS UNDER PROPOSED ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT, IF IAEA INSISTS ON ONE-TWO YEAR ASSIGNMENT, IT SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING DESIRED EXPERT FROM AECL CANADA WHICH IS SUPPLIER OF SOURCE FOR PROJECT OR FROM AUSTRALIAN AEC (E.G., DAVID SANGSTER WHO IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED).

4. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION ADVICE OF AGENCY REACTION ABOVE SUGGESTIONS. INGERSOLL

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